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### Nurses Week



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This week's mission feature takes a closer look at the 49th Medical Group nurses in honor of National Nurses Week.

## Briefly

### Safety day

Today is a 49th Fighter Wing Safety day to kick off the 101+ Critical Days of Summer campaign. The campaign officially begins Memorial Day and ends Labor Day, but because the Tularosa Basin's summer-like weather, Holloman's campaign is starting now to emphasize safety and personal risk management.

Mississippi State Trooper, Capt. Pete Collins, speaks out about driving hazards and safety tips at 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., today at the Fitness and Sports Center. Collins has traveled more than nine million miles speaking to groups about safety. His speeches have reached more than 17.5 million people.

Unit-level activities and exercises also begin to promote safety at work, home and everywhere in between.

### Venue change

Because of technical difficulties, C&W Band Rough Stock will not perform today at the enlisted club.

For more information about upcoming entertainment, call the enlisted club at 572-3221.

## AF begins campaign to thank parents

Secretary of the Air Force James G. Roche and Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John P. Jumper launched a service-wide campaign Monday to thank the parents of America's airmen for their support of their children's service.

The Air Force Parent Pin program encourages airmen to register on a secure Air Force web site, [www.yourguardiansoffreedom.com](http://www.yourguardiansoffreedom.com), where they can provide the names and addresses of up to two parents (or parental figures). Shortly thereafter, the airmen's parents receive personalized letters from Secretary Roche and General Jumper containing high-quality lapel pins displaying the letter "P" cradled in the Air Force symbol. All airmen – active, Guard, and Reserve – are strongly encouraged by their chain of command to register on the web site and have pins sent to up to two recipients.

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Photo by Airman 1st Class Vanessa LaBoy

### Marching home

More than 200 Team Holloman troops marched down the streets of Alamogordo during the Welcome Home parade Saturday. The parade honored former Prisoner of War, Army Spec. Joseph Hudson and Holloman troops who supported Operation Iraqi Freedom.

## vRED now available online: safe, secure

**by Airman 1st Class Vanessa LaBoy**  
49th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

The Virtual Record of Emergency Data form provides the Air Force with information needed to contact family members if an airman suffers a serious illness or injury, or dies while on active duty. Since this information is accessed online, airmen can be assured their information is only available to authorized employees.

Despite problems with other companies accidentally losing information, airmen using vRED can be sure their information will remain private.

The vRED resides within the virtual

Military Personnel Flight and replaces the FormFlow version of the DD Form 93, Record of Emergency Data.

The virtual data card form allows airmen to have access to their emergency contact information anytime through the Air Force Personnel Center secure server from any internet-capable computer.

"The vRED is an automated 'smart' program that guides you through the process of completing your emergency contact information and will tailor the questions asked of you to your unique family situation," said 1st Lt. Dawn Peterson, 49th Mission Support Squadron customer support officer in charge. "The program is also

designed to highlight areas that you haven't completed or did not complete correctly. Another benefit of the vRED is that it will remind you, when you log into the vMPF, to go and review/update your information at periodic intervals."

Airmen's emergency data information is protected on this program because regardless of where they access the vMPF from, once they log in with their unique username and password, all the information and data sent over the Internet is encrypted and unreadable by anyone else. It's safe, secure and protected by the lat-

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**High: 84**  
**Low: 52**

TODAY



**High: 80**  
**Low: 50**

SATURDAY



**High: 83**  
**Low: 46**

SUNDAY



**High: 86**  
**Low: 50**

MONDAY

Weather forecast provided by the 49th Operations Support Squadron Weather Flight



Photo by Staff Sgt. Sam Bendet

### Learning from the pros

**The sixth Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force James McCoy autographs a Promotion Fitness Examination book for Airman 1st Class Keelye Blackmore during a breakfast honoring his visit to Holloman. McCoy was a guest speaker at the Honor Guard banquet here May 2.**

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The pins are a contemporary adaptation of the World War II "E" flags that were used to recognize companies for contributions to the war effort, and they are presented on display cards that explain their lineage.

The letters address recipients and airmen by name. They are intended to communicate to parents the importance of their children's service to the ongoing war on terrorism, to express sincere gratitude for parents' continued support, and to convey a sense of partnership between the Air Force and the parents of America's airmen.

This massive effort comes on heels of the Air Force's highly-successful "E" pin program, which represented the first direct-mail outreach effort from the leaders of *any* of the armed services to employers across America.

Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve Command airmen voluntarily submitted contact information for more than 61,000 employers, each of whom received an "E" pin and a personalized letter from the Secretary of the Air Force and the

Air Force Chief of Staff acknowledging them as partners in the war effort. Air Force leaders have received hundreds of supportive letters and e-mails from employers and airmen because of this program, and today, tens of thousands of employers are wearing Air Force "E" pins as pledges of support for the military service of their airmen.

Both the Parent pin and "E" pin campaigns are elements of the Air Force's Your Guardians of Freedom program.

As families, employers, and communities across the nation share the burdens of military service, it is critical that commanders at every level reach out to cultivate the relationships that form the foundation of public support for their airmen.

Through a secure web site at [www.yourguardiansoffreedom.com](http://www.yourguardiansoffreedom.com), the Your Guardians of Freedom program offers a flexible, user-friendly set of web-based tools that allow commanders and their staffs to quickly and efficiently reach out to key audiences on their bases, in their communities, and beyond. (AFPN)



# Holloman's MEO named best in Air Force

by Airman 1st Class Martha Whipple  
49th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Holloman's Military Equal Opportunity Office recently captured a 2002 Air Force-level award.

The Outstanding MEO Office Award category three recognizes Air Force MEO offices across the Air Force.

Holloman's MEO motto is 'A first resource, not a last resort', according to Senior Master Sgt. Joseph Lovett, MEO chief. The MEO goal is to enhance morale and mission effectiveness for Team Holloman through pro-active cultivation of fair treatment, equality, open communication, diversity, understanding, and respect for our most valued resource: people.

The three person-team for 2002 included Tech. Sgt. Trese Smith and Staff Sgt. Randy Nichols who worked with Lovett to fulfill Holloman's human resource needs. Staff Sgt. Alicia Lewis and Tech. Sgt. Alvin Earp joined the 2003 team.

"With a small group to serve all of the base, we focus on working as a team to accomplish our mission," Lovett said. "Working together, knowing the job, and doing it to the best of our ability is the

backbone to our success."

The MEO office provides various human resource services such as third party conflict resolution, equal opportunity assistance information, mediation, and helping agency referrals. The MEO office also provides formal and informal complaint assistance and processing to all military members, their family members and retirees who believe they have experienced unlawful discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, and sexual harassment.

The MEO staff provides technical guidance as subject matter experts for higher-level complaint processing. MEO personnel conduct Unit Climate Assessments (UCA) for commanders at all levels to assess their organization's equal opportunity and treatment climate.

Additionally, classes are provided to all military and civilian personnel in various human relations' subject matter.

The MEO team covers a lot of ground in the human relations realm, but Holloman's team has set the standard across the Air Force.

"The MEO team is a cohesive unit



Photo by Airman 1st Class Vanessa LaBoy

**Tech. Sgt. Trese Smith briefs a customer on roles and responsibilities about discrimination in the work environment.**

that strives to offer the best services to Holloman," Smith said. "This team has worked through obstacles and overcame challenges like under manning. The team has pulled together to represent the

base, Air Combat Command and the Air Force as the best MEO. Our goal is to continue to do our best, not just to win awards, but to provide top quality services to the base."



Photo by Senior Airman Brandy Dupper-Macy

## Chiefs' choice

Senior Airman Evette Blount, 49th Communications Squadron, repairs a computer. Holloman's Chiefs' Group named Blount Chiefs' Choice of the Month.

## AF assessment survey begins

by Staff Sgt. C. Todd Lopez  
Air Force Print News

After a short delay because of Operation Iraqi Freedom, the 2003 Air Force Community Assessment survey is under way.

According to the director of family advocacy research, the agency responsible for conducting the assessment, the survey is now being sent out to more than 180,000 randomly chosen active-duty and Reserve airmen and their spouses.

Maj. James D. Whitworth said Air Force officials will use results from the assessment to learn how to better help airmen and their families.

Questions on the assessment are written to help leaders at Air Force installations gain insight into how people feel about their communities and the services provided within those communities, according to Whitworth.

Airmen can complete the survey via the World Wide Web. Spouses have the option of completing it on the Web or on paper.

The assessment will take less than 20 minutes to complete, Whitworth said.

According to Whitworth, the effectiveness of the assessment depends on participants' willingness to accurately complete it.

"We want to make improvements in our communities without guessing," Whitworth said. "We need to know people's thoughts and needs. If people don't tell us what they need or what their problems are, we can't help them. This assessment is their chance to do that."

# Holloman fourth graders saddle up

by Senior Airman Brandy Dupper-Macy  
49th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

The Mesa Verde Ranch held its annual ranch day for local fourth grade students, including 80 students from Holloman Intermediate School April 30.

The Mesa Verde Ranch is a family-owned working ranch, which sets aside two days to educate 800 Otero County fourth graders.

"We love to invite the students to the ranch," said Tim Rabon, one of the owners of Mesa Verde Ranch. "New Mexico history is part of the fourth grade curriculum and ranch day provides an opportunity to expose the local area kids to the agricultural way of life they probably wouldn't have had the opportunity to see."

Ten stations were set up on the 12,000-acre ranch. Students learned about branding, cowboy attire, cowbells, 4-H organization, saddles, team roping, New Mexico Mobile River Study Center, and cows and bulls.

Volunteers at the branding station taught the children about ear marking and branding. Branding irons were available for hands on learning.

"Branding has been a part of America for centuries because it was the way cowhands marked their livestock," Rabon said. "We still do it today for identification and to prevent theft."

Students also learned about cowboy attire. They tried on boots, chaps, cowboy hats and spurs to get the feeling of being a real cowboy.

Ashley Brewer's favorite station was the cowboy clothes.

"I buckled the chaps and buttoned the cowboy slicker," she said. "The slicker is like a big long raincoat. Cowboys used their clothes to survive and to protect themselves from the weather."

Learning about the clothes was fun, but for Megan Williams learning about by products was the most interesting.

"I knew cows made milk and ice cream," she said, "but I didn't know they made lipstick or toothpaste."

The students learned that cows do not only produce the meat people eat, but a lot of products they use every day. They make buttons, bone china, piano keys, animal feeds, fertilizers and glue from the horns and hoofs. The fat beef tallow provides glycerin for lipstick, toothpaste, shampoos, automobile tires, brake fluid and antifreeze.

They also learned about roping and the history of running and roping cattle. The students tried their hand at roping a dummy steer made of hay. John McCrea doesn't think he'll go pro, but had luck at this station.

The students learned about different kinds of saddles for horses and bulls and the purpose they serve for each. The ranch staff also demonstrated how to saddle, groom and care for a horse.

Horses are a big part of working a ranch, but the backbone to a successful ranch is the cattle breeding. The fourth graders got an up close view and smell of the Mesa Verde cows, calves and bulls.

The fourth graders learned a lot about New Mexico's



Photo by Senior Airman Brandy Dupper-Macy

**Fourth grader Courtney Calloway with help from Ted Eldridge ropes a dummy steer during Mesa Verde's annual ranch day.**

history and agriculture during this year's ranch day.

"New Mexico history is part of our curriculum," said fourth grade teacher, Edie Sanchez. "Since the kids come from different parts of the world, a lot of them have not seen a cow or a horse up close. It's part of our state's history and that's no bull."



The 49th Security Forces Squadron handled the following incidents from April 29 to May 5.

### Tickets

Security forces issued a total of 11 citations this week: three for speeding one to 10 mph over the posted speed limit, one for speeding 11 to 15 mph over the posted speed limit, two for parking, one for no driver's license, one for no license plate, one for inattentive backing, one for assault, one for careless driving.

### Theft or damage to government and private property

- April 30: An airman driving a private-owned vehicle backed into another POV.
- May 1: A German air force member reported two wallets stolen from the gym. One was recovered and claimed.
- May 1: An airman driving a government-owned vehicle tried to turn around, but got stuck in a sinkhole.
- May 2: A retired officer ran a stop sign causing an NCO to crash his motorcycle.
- May 2: An airman reported a POV had

crashed into a stationary POV after taking a corner too fast and losing control.

- May 3: An airman lost a wallet at the Shoppette.
- May 4: An airman reported her backpack missing from the gym.
- May 5: An airman driving a POV struck a shed while attempting to park the vehicle.

### Patrol Response

- April 30: An airman reported he was having a physical altercation with his spouse after she assaulted him.
- April 30: An airman was advised of his rights under Article 128, Assault, and his wife was advised of her rights under the 5th Amendment for Assault. The wife was released on her own recognizance and the airman was released to his flight chief.
- May 1: An airman reported he was having a verbal altercation with his spouse. The airman's first sergeant was notified and assumed control of the situation.
- May 3: An NCO reported he was almost struck by a POV while crossing First Street, when the driver failed to stop.
- May 5: An NCO reported paint ball marks on a wall at building 515.
- May 5: A family member reported someone had been at her residence.

### Civil Arrest

- May 4: An airman was arrested in Curry County, N.M., and charged with burglary, larceny and criminal damages.

### Missing ID cards, vehicle decals and restricted area badges

There were six reports of missing identification cards this week. Two were active duty IDs, three were a family member ID and one was an automated entry control card. These incidents can become breaches of security. If personnel have a military issued ID card stolen or lost, or a DD Form 2220 stolen from a vehicle or missing from the squadron's inventory, report it to security forces immediately.

Security forces can be alerted to look for the missing item, given the information and serial numbers placed on each accountable item.

**If you know of or have any information concerning any of these incidents, please contact security forces at 572-7171 or your first sergeant. For the Crime Stop Help Line, please contact security forces at 572-1100 or dial "911".**



# Program helps kids at home

by **Lorna Schuster**  
*Sunburst staff writer*

As children plot their summer vacations, parents may worry whether their kids will be out of harm's way during the summer months. To ease concerns, the Family Support Center invites parents to enroll their children in the Safe At Home, On My Own Self-Care program.

"School is almost out and there will be an increase in the number of children at home by themselves all or part of the day," said Peggy Beauvais, Family Support Center Self-Care program instructor. "We want to make sure that the children are ready, prepared and have the confidence to be by themselves."

The program is designed for children 10 years and older. According to base policy, children under the age of 10 can't be left alone at home. Children 10 to 11 years old can be home alone for three hours. The base policy

affects military members both on and off base.

"A child may be that magical age when they're legally allowed to be at home alone, but they may not be ready for the responsibility," she said. "During the course, we supply a worksheet for parents to help them thoroughly assess their child's maturity level. We also give a list of alternative child care facilities."

The children discuss important topics such as what to do about strangers, what to say when answering the phone and where to go when locked out or when the house is unsafe.

"A lot of these tips are based on following parents' guidance," Beauvais said. "Knowing what the family rules and responsibilities are and agreeing on an emergency plan helps a child to feel confident that they can take care of themselves when they need to."

The Self-Care program is 4 p.m. to 5 p.m., Wednesday at the FSC.

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est security technology to ensure privacy.

"There are two security processes used by the Web site that provide protection against unauthorized disclosure of sensitive data," Peterson said. "One is the use of secure sockets layer for point-to point encryption, and the other is the use of UserID and password authentication before you enter the web application."

Along with the encrypted program, people are also responsible for keeping their information secure.

A few easy steps can ensure information remains private:

- Choose a password difficult for others to guess; don't share with anyone
- Be responsible while personal data is displayed on the computer screen
- Be sure to close out all browsers open on the workstation after completion

The program is important to keep se-

cure because it also avoids hours or even days of uncertainty during which casualty teams are sometimes left to track down next of kin, Peterson said.

All active-duty, Guard and Reserve airmen are encouraged to update their information every six months, prior to deployments or after moving.

For more information, call Staff Sgt. Sarah Spry, MPF Customer Service NCOIC, at 572-7277.

To access the website:

- Go to [www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/](http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/)
- On the top right hand corner click the

Virtual MPF link

- Log in
- Scroll down and click vMPF
- Verify e-mail address and phone number
- Click Individual Actions
- Click Record of Emergency Data
- Start your DD form 93.

DWI Update

Days since last DWI	67	<u>Last six DWIs:</u>	<u>572-RIDE works!</u>
DWIs year to date	12	• 49 LRS* March 2	<i>Calls MADE are lives SAVED.</i>
DWIs this time last year	13	• 49 MMS March 1	Calls:
		• 49 CES* Jan. 17	Year to date: 213
		• 49 OSS Jan. 11	Last week: 6
		• 49 LRS Jan. 4	
		• 49 GAF Nov. 22	

(The DWI update and 572-RIDE reflect FY 2003. The \* denotes the DWI is a family member or civilian employee.)

Holloman Chapel Services

**Weekday Masses** – 11:30 a.m., Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.  
**Sunday** – Catholic Mass, 9:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.  
• Protestant Religious Education, 9:30 a.m.  
• General Protestant Worship Service, 11 a.m.  
• Catholic Religious Education, 11 a.m.  
• Sacrament of Penance, 4 p.m.  
• Protestant Contemporary Worship Service, 6:30 p.m.  
Call 572-7214 for more information.

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Commander’s Access Channel

The commander’s access channel, cable channel 3, offers up-to-date information about current security conditions, closures on base, hours of various programs on base and community information about what programs and events are available at Holloman and in the local area. The commander’s access channel also features the following videos today through Thursday:

- Air Force Television News: 6 a.m., 9 a.m., 11 a.m., 2 p.m., 5 p.m. and 7 p.m.
- Air Combat Command Access: 7 a.m., noon, 3 p.m. and 6 p.m.



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*The Holloman Hero submission form is now online. It can be downloaded at: [https://wwwmil.holloman.af.mil/wing/49FW\\_PA/internal.html](https://wwwmil.holloman.af.mil/wing/49FW_PA/internal.html)*

# Holloman Hero

## Staff Sgt. Sarah Spry 49th Mission Support Squadron

**Duty title:** Customer Service, NCO in charge

**Time in service:** Five years and eight months

**Time at Holloman:** Nine months

**Hometown:** Wenatchee, Washington

**Personal and career goals:**

My personal goal is to continue my education since the Air Force now pays 10 percent of the tuition. I would like to earn my teaching degree and be a third-grade teacher. My immediate goal is to earn my 5-level in the personnel career field. I would like to go all the way to chief in my Air Force career. For now I'll settle on making technical sergeant my first time around.

**What accomplishment during your Air Force career are you most proud of?**

So far in my military career I am proud of making staff sergeant my first time to test and being in the top 10 percent of personnel in my career field that made it. I'm also proud I was given the opportunity to cross train into a career field that I really enjoy. The Air Force gives everyone equal opportunities, whether you're a crew chief, a pilot, a cook or a personnelist, we all help meet the mission here.

**Why is serving in the Air Force important to you?**

Serving in the Air Force is important to me because I get a sense of accomplishment and pride in what I do every day. There's no better feeling than being able to help a customer with a problem. I've been privileged to have met and worked with some phenomenal individuals. Being in the Air Force has made me a more confident person and has taught me so much. Serving in the Air Force is a unique experience and is something that so many people don't have the courage to do. It's a good feeling to know my family and friends can go to sleep every night without having to worry because the men and women in the military are there to protect them.

**Core value portrayed: "Service before Self"**

"Without a doubt, Spry is the personification of "Service Before Self." Spry is both a new staff sergeant and a re-trainee into the personnel career field, but neither of these things stops her from being one of the best Customer Service NCO in charge I've ever seen. Spry takes care of business and her troops and is always giving any extra time to the base and community."

– **Maj. Jerome Gittens**

*49th Mission Support Squadron commander*





Photo by Airman 1st Class Vanessa LaBoy

Close call

Marc Strohofer, 49th Maintenance Squadron’s Ammo team, strides to beat the throw to 49th Aircraft Maintenance third baseman, Richard Soule. AMXS beat AMMO 25 to 13 during Intramural Softball action.

Inside Intramurals

Softball  
Standings

Monday/Wednesday

Unit	W	L
49th LRS (A)	8	1
49th MMG	6	2
49th SFS	6	4
49th MXS/AGE (A)	5	2
49th MDG	4	3
49th AMXS	3	5
49th CES	2	7
49th MXS/AMMO	1	7

Tuesday/Thursday

Unit	W	L
49th CS	9	0
4th SPCS	6	1
49th SVS	6	2
46th TG	5	3
49th MXS/MAINT	5	3
49th MXS/AVIONICS	5	3
49th MOS	2	4
49th SFS/ARMY	2	7
49th LRS (B)	1	7
GAF	1	6
Ladyhawks	2	7

For more information about current or upcoming Intramural leagues, contact the sports director at the Fitness and Sports Center at 572-3256.

Upcoming and current intramural sports leagues include the following: summer golf, soccer, volleyball.











## Estate Claims

Anyone having claims against or indebtedness to the estate of Tech. Sgt. Jeffery A. Hunt should contact 2nd Lt. David Barber, 49th Maintenance Squadron, Summary Court Officer, at 572-0045.

## Young Eagles Rally

The Experimental Aircraft Association's local chapter hosts a Young Eagles Rally from 8 a.m. to noon, Saturday at the Alamogordo-White Sands Regional Airport terminal building.

EEA established the Young Eagles in 1993 with the goal of flying one million children ages 8 to 17 by the 100th anniversary of the Wright Brothers' first powered flight Dec. 17, 1903.

For more information about the free event and to reserve a flight time, call Timothy Mack at 491-5005.

## Asian Pacific Heritage Month

Asian Pacific Heritage Month is May and Holloman's Asian Pacific Islanders Club offers special events throughout the month.

- Food tasting: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., May 15 at the Chapel Annex
- Luau Luncheon: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., May 30 at the community center
- Families Apart dinner: 6 p.m., May 21 at the Chapel Annex
- Holloman Intermediate School Assembly: 1:30 to 2 p.m. today

Island crafts, books and history of the heritage are displayed at the library throughout the month.

For more information, contact Daria Bautista at 572-3040 or 479-0588 or contact Staff Sgt. Chad Ohelo at 572-7202.

## FSC

The Family Support Center offers the following classes and events at the FSC, building 40:

- Spouse Employment Workshop: 12:30 p.m., Monday

For more information, contact the FSC at 572-7754 or visit the website at [www.mil.holloman.af.mil/sptg/mss/fsc](http://www.mil.holloman.af.mil/sptg/mss/fsc).

## Summer hire program

The summer hire program kicks off this month. Lifeguard positions are scheduled to last 13 weeks beginning May 19. Clerks and labor positions are scheduled to last six weeks beginning June 2. The program is open to students

## On the BIG SCREEN

### The Core

7 p.m., Today and Sunday

### Piglet's Big Movie

1 p.m. and 7 p.m., Saturday

### Gangs of New York

10 p.m., Today and Saturday  
7 p.m. Thursday

Movies are subject to change.

For more information, call 572-3286.



Photo by Senior Airman Brandy Dupper-Macy

## A piece of art

**Brienna Cooper, second grader, works on her poster during the African American Heritage Month essay and poster contest. Cooper took home the blue ribbon in the contest.**

enrolled or accepted for enrollment as a degree-seeking student.

For more information about Holloman jobs, call the Personnel Office at 572-7202 or log on to the Air Force Personnel Center web site at [www.holloman.af.mil/job/jobs.html](http://www.holloman.af.mil/job/jobs.html).

## Skeet shooting

A 10-week skeet-shooting league registration is until May 16. Two-person teams will compete two rounds each week and the cost is \$2.50 each round. Handicap will be used for new shooters.

For more information call Marty Caspase at 572-5369.

## Gus Macker Tournament

The Alamogordo Chamber of Commerce sponsors the Gus Macker three-on-three basketball tournament Saturday and Sunday. Registration begins today.

Volunteers are needed to help with registration, special events and court monitoring.

For more information, call Pat Russell, Chamber of Commerce secretary, at 437-6120.

## Optometry service

The 49th Medical Group Optometry Clinic will only provide service to active duty members beginning Thursday. The reduction in normal service should last about 6 to 8 weeks, and normal service to all eligible beneficiaries will resume July 18. TRICARE Prime patients and family members excluding active duty people can receive one routine optometric examination every year through a participating TriWest Network Provider.

Retired military and their family covered under TRICARE Prime are eligible for one routine eye examination every two years. No referral is necessary and

no co-payment is required for TRICARE Prime patients to see TriWest Network providers.

For a list of all Network providers, call the Holloman TriWest Service Center at 572-7700. The Optometry Clinic will provide acute care regardless of status.

## HOSC

All Holloman Officers' Spouses' Club members are invited to attend a Traditional Tea at 11 a.m., Wednesday at the Officers' Club. Guest speakers from the Air Force Village in San Antonio, Texas will attend. Reservations must be made by noon, Monday.

For last names beginning with A-M, call Lisa McKeon at 479-4894. For last names beginning with N-Z, call Dawn Kelly at 479-1261. Child care will be available at the community center, for reservations please call Shawn Emmons 434-1438.



# Team Holloman salutes...

...for earning their associate's degree

**49th Materiel Maintenance Squadron**

Senior Airman John Christenson

**49th Logistics Readiness Squadron**

Master Sgt Walter Declue

**49th Maintenance Operations Squadron**

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# Waiver ensures per diem beyond 180 days

Secretary of the Air Force grants blanket waiver for payment of per diem for TDYs longer than 180 days

Secretary of the Air Force Dr. James G. Roche recently granted a blanket waiver authorizing payment of per diem to servicemembers if they remain on temporary duty beyond 180 days.

Normally, an individual waiver must be requested and approved as outlined in the Joint Federal Travel Regulation, said Lt. Col. William J. Buechel, chief of Air Force assignments policy at the Pentagon.

Without an individual waiver, payment of an airman's per diem stops on the 181st day of a deployment, Buechel said.

The blanket waiver does not apply to Guard and Reserve people on active duty because many of them require separate approval to remain on active duty to serve a longer TDY.

By granting a blanket waiver, Roche kept the Air Force from having to process thousands of individual waivers and ensured airmen would continue to be paid per diem for TDY in excess of

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180 days, Buechel said.

“The secretary’s waiver goes into effect immediately and applies to all airmen deployed in support of the global war on terrorism and Operation Iraqi Freedom,” Buechel said.

The waiver will remain in effect until the secretary determines that it is once again appropriate to process individual waivers, Buechel said. (AFPN)

